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ADA, Liberty Lobby Join In Attack on Travel Ban

The Americans for Democratic Action, which swings from the left, and the Liberty Lobby, which thunders on the right, scored a rare consensus yesterday.

Neither would trust the State Department with their passports, they told the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

The ADA charged that separate but similar travel-control bills sponsored by Sen. James Eastland (D-Miss.), and by the State Department would "make a mockery of the right to travel, in direct violation of the Bill of Rights."

Joseph L. Rauh Jr., national ADA vice chairman for civil rights, maintained in a statement that the Eastland bill would "reactivate in our travel policy McCarthyism by bureaucracy."

Speaking only on the Eastland bill, the Liberty Lobby said it also, felt compelled to "anticipate the misuse of special powers" that the proposal would grant the Administration.

It might even lead, said Executive Secretary W. B. Hicks Jr., to restrictions on travel to "friendly" lands, such as South Africa and Rhodesia.

He said Liberty Lobby could support the bill only if it limited travel bans to countries "engaged in, or supporting or threatening armed hostility against the Government of the United States."

Under both the Eastland and State Department bills, the Secretary of State, with Presidential approval, could, in effect, make it a crime to travel to foreign countries

specified by the Administration.

Chairman Eastland was out of the room for the ADA testimony. But he told Liberty Lobby, "We will study your recommendations very carefully, especially regarding South Africa and Rhodesia."